



City Update

News and Information for City of Saint Paul Employees

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Link Between City Hall and the Saturn Riverfront School Continues to Grow



Pictured is (front row) Megan Ryan, Sarah Todd, (2nd row) Anthony Lindsey, Francois Cassell, Shanika Whitmore, Scott Larson, Bridget Chapman, (back row) Fred Owusu, Brittany McIntosh, Leah Otto, Teresa Laws, Mike Zipko and Dan Scott

You may have heard about the the City's new partnership with the Saint Paul School District, forged by the Mayor and Superintendent Patricia Harvey. What you may not know is that a thriving partnership has been building between the City and one school in particular for the last two years, and there's plenty of opportunity for more City employees to get involved this fall.

Two years ago the Mayor "adopted" Saturn Riverfront, a K-8 school located just two blocks east of City Hall. Since then he has led the way in cultivating a relationship between City employees, students and school staff aimed at increasing academic achievement. From greeting students on their first day of school and writing bus numbers on the hands of timid newcomers, to holding his fifth State of the City Address there, the Mayor has made an impact on the school and set an example of involvement. In turn, the students have adopted the Mayor and his staff. "The children here feel like he's *their* Mayor; there's a huge feeling

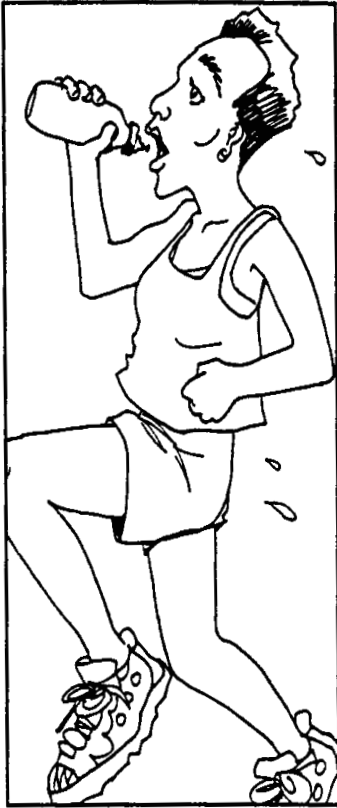
of ownership and they know the staff from the City cares about them," said Amalia Mueller, Curriculum Director for Saturn. "The weekly visits and tutoring from the mentors from the City show their level of commitment, and the way the children look forward to their time together speaks to the importance of the impact they have made on the students' lives," said Mueller.

With the end of the '98-'99 school year, so ends the second year of the partnership between the City and the Saturn School. To celebrate, City mentors invited students they've worked with to City Hall where they were treated to a pizza party. Mentors pitched in to buy each child a book and celebrated their individual victories for the year. In some cases, the improvement in reading skills has been dramatic. In others, the care and support of an adult role model has helped with their self esteem and overall school performance. The success of the partnership is unquestionable. The question that remains is, Who has benefitted more? Employees overwhelmingly agree that they look forward to their time with the students and take great pride in their contributions. "The experience has been personally rewarding," said Sarah Todd, Assistant to the Mayor, "Not only has it been a great break from the chaos of City Hall, but I treasure the friendships I've made with the students."

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

Hot Tips For "Summertime, Summertime, Sum...Sum...Summertime" Exercise

To get rid of excess body heat in order to maintain a healthy body temperature, follow these tips for summertime activity:



- ✓ Take it easy; slow your pace, giving your body time to adjust to the warmer weather.
- ✓ Drink lots of water before, during and after exercise. Don't rely on thirst to tell you when to replenish your fluids; if you wait until you're thirsty, you've probably waited too long!
- ✓ Exercise during a cooler time of day, such as early morning or in the evening; avoid direct sunlight.
- ✓ Use sun screen to protect your skin, and wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- ✓ Wear a single layer of loose, lightweight clothing. (Cotton is great because it allows your skin to breathe.)
- ✓ Cool down after you exercise; walk around slowly or sit for 5-10 minutes so that your body temperature gets back to normal.

On the Calendar...

Back to the 50s Weekend

June 18 & 19 - 9 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

June 20 - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Minnesota State Fairgrounds:
Street rod car show, craft fair,
and swap meet.

Contact 651-641-1992

Ramsey House Open House

June 27 - 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Ramsey House - Downtown

Take a peek inside one of Saint
Paul's most historic mansions.

Admission: Free

Contact: 651-296-8760

Democracy in Action at Your Credit Union

It's your hard-earned money being deposited on pay-day, why not get the most out of it?

The City & County Credit Union, the credit union for City of Saint Paul employees and their families, prides itself on charging far fewer fees than the average bank for services. Why? Because their depositors are the owners of the Credit Union.

It has been over 70 years since a group of City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County workers got together to pool their finances. They wanted to set their own savings and lending rates, with profits returned to the membership, not absentee stockholders. It's the same philosophy CCCU operates with today.

Now with over \$200 million in assets, CCCU has a Board of Directors overseeing the running of the Credit Union. But our Directors are members, just like you. In fact, as a member you could one day be elected to serve on the Board by your fellow members. Can you say that about a large, nation-wide bank?

To find out more about the City & County Credit Union, call the TeleCenter at 651-225-2700 (TDD 651-225-2761) or visit the CCCU web site at www.cccu.com and discover why membership makes the difference.

Credit Union deposits are insured for up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a U.S. Government Agency.



Como Park - Still the Favorite

Como Park is still the biggest draw among major regional parks in the metro area, according to figures released by the Metropolitan Council.

Park usage in Saint Paul and Minneapolis still accounts for nearly two-thirds of the total park usage in the Metro area. Here are the top 10 for 1998, according to Metropolitan Council estimates of visitors based on random sampling:

Como Park Observatory and Zoo Saint Paul		2.4 million
Minneapolis Chain of Lakes	Minneapolis	2.2 million
Mississippi Gorge		1.3 million
Nokomis-Hiawatha	Minneapolis	890,000
Minnehaha Parkway	Minneapolis	850,000
Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes	Bloomington	780,000
Minnehaha Park	Minneapolis	740,000
Phalen-Keller		480,000
Bunker Hills	Anoka County	480,000
Lebanon Hills	Dakota County	404,000

New Partnership Blossoms Between City Hall and School District

Mayor Norm Coleman and Superintendent Pat Harvey this week announced a new era in the relationship between the City and the Saint Paul Public Schools, outlining specific cooperation on four concrete goals. Coleman and Harvey explained that the new partnership is being built around the shared overall goal of ensuring the highest quality public schools for all Saint Paul children. The two leaders also noted that central cities such as Saint Paul must compete aggressively to attract and retain families and employers, who very often make their location decisions on the basis of the strength of local schools. To foster Saint Paul's long-term revitalization, the District, City Hall, and the community must work together to improve the effectiveness of existing schools and build excellent new schools.

Specific areas of cooperation between City Hall and the School District include: (1) Strategic planning to help guide the District's direction, which the Mayor will convene later this month; (2) Saint Paul Reads, a new city-wide public awareness campaign to increase literacy by challenging all students to read at least 25 books per year; (3) Compete Saint Paul, a City initiative to examine competitive bidding for City services - with the goal of improving the quality and cost of public services, which the school district will join; and (4) the Capital Schools Partnership, an effort to launch a new generation of strong charter public schools in Saint Paul and share ideas and proven practices among all kinds of schools.

Employee Spotlight

Lucia Lebens



Lucia Lebens joined the Mayor's Office on June 7 as the Mayor's Assistant. She will be replacing Sarah Todd who is still in the office but has moved onto other responsibilities. Lucia comes to the City from a local Internet company where she worked her way from a Web Designer to a Sales Coordinator. Prior to that she obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Luther College (Decorah, IA) with a major in Communications.

Lucia has had much experience in working with businesses and people and she is excited to be joining the public sector where she hopes to expand those experiences. She is also looking forward to contributing to the Mayor's Web site as it develops.

Currently, Lucia is working towards her Master's of Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Saint Thomas. She lives in Afton with her husband, Grant, and two dogs, Oreo and Chase.

If you know of an employee that deserves special recognition in the Employee Spotlight, call 266-8528 for information.

Each week a trivia question about the history of Saint Paul will appear in City Update with answers provided in the following issue.

June 18 Trivia Question

Q: When did the first car assembled at the Ford Motor Company plant in Saint Paul run off the assembly line?

June 4 Trivia Question & Answer

Q: When was the first USS Saint Paul in naval service?

A: 1898

Pioneer Party Calendar

Join in Saint Paul's 150th birthday celebration. Stop by these upcoming parties:

Friday, June 18

Great Harvest Bread Company

Wednesday, June 2

Buon Giorno Italian Market

Friday, June 25 - Sunday, June 27

27th Annual Minnesota Crafts
Festival

College of Saint Catherine

Saturday, June 26

Lowertown Flea Market

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**Check out the City's Web page
(www.stpaul.gov)
for more information
on Saint Paul's Pioneer Parties**

Job Openings as of June 18, 1999

Application Deadline	Job Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
Open	Clerk -Typist II	\$867.58	TBN
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	Quals
Open	Engineering Aide II	\$1057.74	TBN
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1139.99	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1470.98	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist I	\$1030.42	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1089.46	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	Labor Relations Manager	\$2182.22	TBN
Open	Library Associate (Part-Time)	\$1086.23	Quals
06/23/99	Library Training & Development Coordinator (prom)	\$1308.26	06/30/99
06/29/99	Animal Control Officer (prom)	\$1148.54	07/14/99
06/29/99	Vehicle Mechanic Lead Worker (prom)	\$20.61 per hr	07/14/99
Open	Park Aide (seasonal/part-time)	\$6.88 per hr	Quals
Open	Recreation Leader (part-time)	\$8.08 per hr	Quals
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN
Open	Water Safety Instructor & Life Guard (seasonal)	\$7.75 & \$7.25	TBN

****This is a walk-in examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.** Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD (651) 266-6501). For jobs announced after June 9, please call the 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.